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Dear Ms. Bochert:

This letter will confirm the information we discussed in our recent telephone conversation. You informed me that your client, Northern States Power Company (NSP), has information supporting the historic existence of a coal tar pit on a certain property in northern Wisconsin; you believe the coal tar pit was operated by a former lumber company owner. You further informed me that the Sanborn maps for that property for the period of time in question do not depict a coal tar pit. You indicated that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has stated its view that the coal tar pit did not exist because it is not shown on the Sanborn maps.

In response to your inquiry about whether it is possible for site elements to exist yet not be depicted on Sanborn maps, I advised you that each Sanborn map we provide is covered by the following disclaimer:

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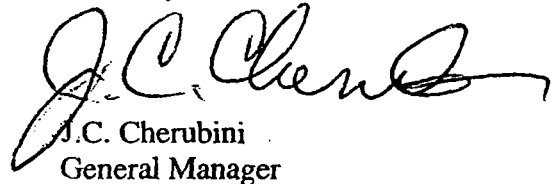
I observed that there may be several possible reasons why a Sanborn map might not show a site element supposedly in existence at a particular period in time; including that the field surveyor was unable to see it from the street adjacent to the property, (the field surveyor did not attempt to, was unable to, or was not required to gain access to the property), that it went unnoticed because it was at or below ground level, or that it was an element which was not considered to be significant, a risk or hazard at the time the map was drawn.

I further advised you that simply because a site element is not depicted on a particular Sanborn maps does not mean that feature either it does not or did not ever exist. The Sanborn map is only one piece of potentially available information.

I understand that you may wish to provide a copy of this letter to the WDNR, and you have my permission to do so.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



J.C. Cherubini  
General Manager

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